Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-3 Canceled

4. (Currently amended) A multimedia method for use with a screen-based host system provided with information processing and I/O facilities, and for interacting with an item, said the method comprising:

<u>transmitting receiving information from the item to said</u>

<u>at the host, in response to proximity conditions between said</u>

<u>the host and said—the item, and</u>

signaling to a user an associated service field at the host in response to said transmitted the received information, and

transmitting other information from the host to the item, for storage at the item.

- 5. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 4, comprising enabling said the user to activate information processing operations at the host related to said the associated service field.
- 6. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 4, comprising transmitting to said item host-generated results related to said the associated service field during such proximity conditions to the item.

- 7. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 4, comprising producing an iconized representation of the item at said the host in response to said associated service field the received information.
- 8. (Currently amended) A multimedia method for use with a screen-based host system provided with information processing and I/O facilities, and for interacting with a distributed item, said—the method comprising:

identifying said—the item in response to proximity conditions between said—the host and said—the item; and signaling to a user an associated service field at the host, and

transmitting information from the host to the item, for storage at the item.

- 9. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 8, comprising producing an icon in response to said the identifying, for signaling to a user said the associated service field.
- 10. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 8, comprising enabling an input for a user to activate information processing operations related to said—the associated service field.
- 11. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 8, comprising transmitting to said_the item host-generated results during such proximity conditions related to said_the associated service field.

12. (Currently amended) A multimedia method for use with a screen-based host system provided with information processing and I/O facilities, and for interacting with an item, said the method comprising:

identifying said—the host to said—the item in response to proximity conditions between said—the host and said—the item; transmitting information from the item to said—the host in response to said—the proximity conditions, and signaling to a user an associated service field at the host in response to said—the transmitted information, and transmitting information from the host to the item, for storage at the item.

- 13. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 12, comprising enabling said the user to activate information processing operations related to said the associated service field.
- 14. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 12, comprising transmitting to said—the item host-generated results related to said—the associated service field during such proximity conditions.
- 15. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 12, comprising producing an iconized representation of the item at said the host in response to said associated service field the transmitted information.